

House Resolution No. 3927

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gates, cherished residents of Grant City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary on July 15, 2004; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on July 15, 1934, Paul S. Gates and Cornelia Duncan began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable sunrise wedding ceremony in Egypt, Mississippi; and

Whereas, proud and loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gates made their home in Grant City for sixty-eight years, where they raised their family, managed a successful farm, were active in REA and other community organizations, and belonged to the Grant City Christian Church; and

Whereas, Paul and Cornelia Gates attribute their seventy years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their four children, Paul D. Gates of Anchorage, Alaska, Judy Hansen of Bettendorf, Iowa, George Gates of Leawood, Kansas, and Pat Brown of Hamilton; and their nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Paul and Cornelia Gates have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Paul and Cornelia Gates upon the glorious celebration of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gates.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3927, adopted August 26, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker